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Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am a resident of North Branford, CT since 1978 and a registered voter there. My State Representative is Vincent Candelora.

I have just been notified that you have intentions of cutting funds to CMHC by the amount of \$443,000.00 one time and then \$786,000.00 annually. I cannot believe that once again we are cutting funds for Mental Health!!!! I was under the impression that our governor, Dannel Malloy wanted to make sure we didn't have another "Sandy Hook" situation on our hands and what's the first thing he does, cuts Mental Health!!!! He ran his entire re-election campaign on the promise that this wouldn't happen again, and this is what is proposed. I'm shocked and disgusted by this decision. I hope you will reconsider this choice as it is a field where there isn't enough funding in it already, let alone cutting the budgets for this. There was hope of opening up more facilities to help these poor people and now this., how very sad it is always the lowest in the food chain that get cut.

I hope this decision will be reconsidered and you find that it should be awarded even more funds. Thank you for listening and considering this.

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